



2132.040

Examiner copy  
reference # 1

link<sup>1</sup> ngk)

n.

One of the rings or loops forming a chain.

A unit in a connected series of units: *links of sausage; one link in a molecular chain.*

A unit in a transportation or communications system.

A connecting element; a tie or bond: *grandparents, our link with the past.*

An association; a relationship: *The Alumnae Association is my link to the school's present administration.*

A causal, parallel, or reciprocal relationship; a correlation: *Researchers have detected a link between smoking and heart disease.*

A cuff link.

*Abbr. li* A unit of length used in surveying, equal to 0.01 chain, 7.92 inches, or about 20.12 centimeters.

A rod or lever transmitting motion in a machine.

Computer Science. A segment of text or a graphical item that serves as a cross-reference between parts of a hypertext document or between files or hypertext documents. Also called **hotlink, hyperlink**.

\* as accessed from the internet at  
dictionary.com on Sept 27, 2005